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WEATHER TO-DAY-UNSETTLED.

PRICE TWO CENTS.

SEVEN ARE SLAIN WHEN PRISONERS ATTEMPT ESCAPE

Armed With Revolvers, They Make Dash for Liberty.

JUDGE THOMAS IS AMONG DEAD

With Weapons Smuggled From Outside, Convicts Break From Ranks and Shoot Down All Who Impede Their Flight-Finally Killed by Guards.

McAlester, Okla., January 19 .- Seven men were shot to death and three persons wounded to-day, when three convicts attempted to escape from the erty was John R. Thomas, of Muskogee. formerly United States District judge, and once Congressman from Illinois.

No general attempt was made by other convicts to join in the delivery. although the three mutineers were en-couraged by their less desperate fel-lows, who cheered the onslaught of the

Slaughter, Wounded: John Martin, turnkey, shot through

ed through a courtyard. As they ran characte through the office they fired several citizens." shots at random, one of the bullets

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Sims's signature, and the strike declared of a few minutes later. No violence was reported as a result. bullets striking the attorney Drover intercepted the men as left the corridor, and were to death. The prisoners, uncontinued their flight By this time half a dozen guards were in pursuit, and in a running battle Godfrey and the three men were killed.

The attempted mutiny occurred at the end of the day's work. Reed, Lane, and Koontz worked in the tailor shop, and when their work was ended they approached the back door of the office in the administration building. There they met John Martin, the turnkey. They told Martin they wanted to see the parole officer. As Martin opened the door, Reed struck him repeatedly with a large revolver, shot him through the cheek and robbed him of his keys.

Shoot Him Through Heart.

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The other corespondent named is Thomas Comyn Platt.

HIS MONEY HELD UP

Contractor Had Refused to Contribute to Funds of Party.

New York, January 19.—R. W. Sherman, formerly Democratic Mayor of and the three men were killed.

to the warden, the mittheers fired a volley of shots at him. He sank to the floor floor floor ally wounded.

Fearing an alarm might be given by the telephone operator. Mary Foster, the three men next gave their attention to the telephone switchboard. They turned it over and tried to disconnect it.

"You come with us," they shouted as they dragged the girl into the prison yard, holding her before them to keep the guards from shoeting.

Shielded by the girl's presence and cheered on by 1,500 convicts, the three men made their way across the prison yard. Only one shot was fired at them, and it struck the girl.

As she sank to the ground wounded, the convicts sprang to the prison gate. With the keys they had taken from Turkney Martin they unlocked it and were free. Outside the gate the horse and buggy of Warden Dick was hitched. The three men sprang into it.

On the wall the big guns began to beleh forth at the fleeing convicts, thards and prison, officials mounted horses and soon overtook the prisoners. "You'll never take us alive," shouted Reed, as he stood up in the buggy and fired at the approaching officers. The buggy.

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The horse fell, and the convicts ceased firing. The three mutineers lay in a heap in the bullet-riddled buggy dead. dead. Although there was the greatest con-fusion among the 1,500 prisoners, the guards soon subdued them, and none

escaped.

Prison officials to-night were unable
to account for the fact that the convicts had obtained revolvers. It is believed they were secreted near the
prison by friends.

REGARD IT AS SETTLED

Middle West Financiers Expect Re-serve Bank in Chicago. Chicago, January 19 .- That bankers

in the Middle West regard it as settled in advance that one of the regional reserve banks to be established by the government will be at Chicago, was made evident here to-day at the hearing before Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo and Secretary of Agriculture Houston. It also appeared certain the the bankers felt that a regional bank would be located at either Minneapolis or St. Paul. Chicago bankers to-day, at the request of the secretarios, gave their opinions as to the territory to be served by the Chicago reserve bank.

Iowa and Detroit bankers requested that their territory be included in the Chicago division, and Minneapolis bankers presented the claims of that city to the Northwest regional bank.

Secretary McAdoo asked if any one were present to speak for St. Paul, reserve banks to be established by the

were present to speak for St. Paul, but there was no response. It is ac-knowledged, however, that the claims of "the other twin city" subsequently

of "the other twin city" subsequently may be presented.
J. G. Rounds, of Des Moines; Frank Epperson, of Eddyville; Q. M. Davis, of lowa City, and John M. Church, of Sioux City, urged that not only all lows, but Nebraska and that part of South Dakota served by Sioux City banks, should be included in the Chicago, tarritory, It was incorrectively. cago territory. It was inconcelvable they declared, that Iowa should be annexed to any financial centre other than Chicago. Similar arguments were put forward by George H. Russell and Wil-liam J. Gray, of Detroit. "We do the bulk of our business with

Chicago," said Mr. Russell. "It will be a great error to attach us to some State Penitentiary and were slain by guards. One of the men murdered by the convicts in their mad dash for libto have a regional bank of her own." The hearings will continue to-mor

PENSIONS FOR MOTHERS

Bill to Establish System Introduced

Washington, January

we will have better boys and girls in

character of a

SCANDAL IN SOCIETY

London, January 19.—Not for a long time has English society been rocked by a scandal of such proportions as that disclosed by the divorce suit brought by Alexander Brodrick Leslie Melville against his wife, and in which Earl Fitzwilliam is named as one of the corespondents

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It is known that Queen Mary is greatly distressed over the case, as Fitzwilliam is a great favorite at court, and only recently entertained both the King and Queen.

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Ree. There they met Oates, the assistant warden, and before he could defend himself. Reed shot him through the heart.

The greatest confusion ensued. Convicts ran about shouting words of encouragement to the mutineers. The guards began firing. A random shot passing through a door in the office of Drover, the Bertillon officer, killed him. Godfrey, the guard, sprang directly into the path of the mutineers, discharging his revolver at them. He, too, fell a victim to Reed's deadly atta. Judge Thomas was sitting in the warden's office.

"There must be some trouble outside," he said, as he arose and walked toward the door of the warden's effice Apparently mistaking Judge Thomas for the warden, the mutineers fired a volley of shots at him. He sank to the floor nortally wounded.

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Rumor That Huerta Has Decided to Quit

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) [Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Mexico City, January 19.—A report, emanating from apparently reliable authority, is current to-night to the effect that Huerta has decided to abdicate in favor of a commission of leading men. A call for an extraordinary meeting of the Cabinet, issued late to-night, gives support to the rumor, although no information regarding the purpose of the meeting has been obtainable. At a late hour the meeting was still in session.

In session,

Rumors that Huerta was about to abdiente have been current for several days. Recent Federal reverses in various quarters are said to have convinced him that further resistance was uscless.

WASHINGTON HEARS RUMOR. ASHINGTON HEARS RUMOR.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Washington, January 10.—Dispatches received here to-night from a private source told of the resignation of General Huerta tentatively in favor of a commission of prominent Mexicans. Officials at the State Department have received no confirmatory news of this move.

UNION DEMANDS **QUICKLY MET AND** STRIKE IS OVER

Morning and Back in Evening.

DISCHARGED MEN GIVEN OLD PLACES

Delaware and Hudson Railway Is Paralyzed When 5,000 Men Quit Its Service, and Efforts of Mediator Are Soon Rewarded With Complete Surrender of Company.

Albany, N. Y., January 19.—The strike n the Delaware and Hudson Rail-yay was settled to-night. Company way was settled to-night. Company officials met the union's demands that they restore two discharged employes, Engineer James A. Lynch and Conductor F. A. Slade, to their former positions. All strikers will return to duty immediately.

G. W. W. Hanger, a member of the Federal Board of Mediation and Con-

Federal Board of Mediation and Conciliation, brought about the agreement.
A settlement was reached only after
Mr. Hanger had suggested to company officials that they yield to the demands of the men. Arbitration, he declared, was impossible.

lows, who cheered the onslaught of the armed prisoners.

So rapidly did the three convicts shoot down those in their path that they reached the prison gate before the guards could return their fire. The desperadoes had taken the keys from the turnkey, John Martin, whom they had wounded, and had sheltered themselves through the prison-yard by holding Mary Foster, a telephone operator, in front of them until she was struck by a shot fired by guards.

Outside the gate, the men seized the horse and buggy of Warden Dick and dashed away, only to be shot to death by pursuing guards.

How the men obtained the weapons and planned the escape has not been armed prisoners.

Washington, January 19.—Representative George E. Gorman, of Chiagon Introduced a bill to establish a mother's pension would be restored in two hours, union officials promised at 9:20 o'clock. As soon as Clifford S. Sims, vice-president and general manager of the railway, and union officials had signed the agreement, or ders were sent out for men to report for work as quickly as possible.

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bumped along the ties for three and a half miles. They were discharged on How the men obtained the weapons and planned the escape has not been the pension until her youngest child is half miles. They were discharged on the discovered, but a rigid inquiry will be eighteen; unless, in case she is a the ground that they were negligent vidow, she remarries or her dependant had violated a company rule and the property of the position of the property of the pension until her youngest child is half miles. They were discharged on the ground that they were negligent and had violated a company rule and the pension until her youngest child is half miles. They were discharged on the ground that they were negligent and had violated a company rule and the pension until her youngest child is half miles. They were discharged on the ground that they were negligent vidow, she remarries or her dependant.

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The men, armed with revolvers, which had been smuggled into the penitentary, broke from the ranks while the prisoners were being marched through a courtyard. As they ran while the prisoners were being marched through a courtyard. As they ran country raise better of a large proportion of its tration, but union officials were firm be graph operators, trainmen, tele-graph operators, trainmen, tele-graph operators and towermen gradually quit as soon as the safety of his message at 12:30 o'clock. A was estimated that 5,000 men were out, and the entire system was paralyzed, and the entire system was paralyzed. It was less than two hours after the last striker had left his work that Mr. Hanger arrived from New York and began negotiations with the two sides.

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No violence was reported as a result

VIRGINIA MAY GET \$591.250

That Amount Apportioned Under Pederal Aid Road Bill.

Washington, January 19.—A supplemental report on the bill to appropriate \$25,000,000 a year for Federal aid to road construction in the various States was filed in the House to-day by Representative Shackleford, chairman of the House Roads Committee. A special rule making this bill in order as an amendment to the post-office appropriation bill, now before the House, probably will be acted upon to-morrow by the Rules Committee.

The bill proposes to divide the appropriation among the States in proportion to the rural delivery routes and post roads in each State. Tables setting forth the mileage of these roads in each State were included in the report filed to-day.

Another table gave the amount of Federal aid which States might receive under the provisious of the bill. The amounts for the Southern States were fixed as follows: Alabama, \$578,750; Florida, \$183,750; Georgia, \$771,250; Mississippi, \$473,750; North Carolling, \$660,000; South Carollina, \$415,000; Tennessee, \$706,250; Virginia, \$591,250.

CALAMITY THREATENED

People of France Suffer in Rigors of
Bitter Winter.

Paris, January 19.—Heavy snows and
continued cold in France threaten a national calamity. Steps were taken today to restore railway communication
in Southern France, where it has been
at a standstill. The first train in three
days between France and Spain got
through to Cerbere to-day, but more
than twenty other provincial lines are
completely out of service.

The Minister of War has authorized
garrison commanders to utilize troops
in digging out snowbound trains.

A temperature of 4 below zero
Fahrenheit has been registered in the
Department of Haute-Loire and 6 below zero in the Auvergne region. Meteorologists find that the rigors of
this winter equal those of the historic
seasons of 1888 and 1870.

DECREE IS AWARDED

Mrs. Blake Wins Separation Suit

Against Husband.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

New York, January 19.—A decree of separation, based on the recommendations of a referee was granted to-day in the Supreme Court to Mrs. Catherine Ketcham Blake, wife of Dr. Joseph A. Blake. A private agreement regarding the alimony, which is said to be about \$16,000 a year, was arranged by the parties to the suit.

Mrs. Blake alleged that her husband had abandoned her and had refused to support her. The testimony showed that they had quarreled when Mrs. Blake refused to allow her son to visit a certain family for the week-end with Dr. Blake. At that time the doctor told her that he intended to separate from her.

General Plequart Dead. Amiens, France, January 19.—General Marie-Gorges Picquart, commander of the Second French Army Corps, who was one of the most prominent figures in the Droyfus case, died here to-day, aged sixty years. aged sixty years.

SENATE CONFIRMS CHOICE OF WILSON FOR COMPTROLLER

Employes Walk Out in Only One Vote Cast Against John Skelton Williams.

BRISTOW ALONE IN OPPOSITION

Richmond Man Now Member of Federal Reserve Board, and Will Leave at Once to Join McAdoo and Houston. Wilson Reads Trust Message To-Day.

Washington, January 19 .- The nomi-

Washington, January 19.—The nomination of John Skelton Williams, of Richmond, now Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, to be Comptroller of the Currency and, as such, ex-officio member of the Federal Resrve Bank Board, was confirmed by the Senate in executive session late to-day.

The only opposition to the confirmation of Mr. Williams was voiced by Senators Bristow, of Kansas, and William Alden Smith, of Michigan. Senator Bristow reviewed the action of Mr. Williams in depositing funds with the Munsey Trust Company, when it took over the United States Trust Company, in this city, to avert a panic.

senators Reed, of Missouri; Martin, of Virginia, and Chilton, of West Virginia, praised the ability of the President's nominee for the important post and urged his confirmation.

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Mr. Williams immediately becomes a member of the organization committee, now holding hearings in the West to determine on locations for the Federal reserve hanks and the very serve hanks and the very serve for the serve was to determine on locations for the federal reserve hanks and the very serve the serve was to determine on locations for the federal reserve hanks and the very serve the serve was to determine the serve was th eral reserve banks, and the new comp-troller will prepare to join his col-leagues, Secretaries McAdoo and Hous-

Intense Interest in Message. Washington, January 19 .- Congress

ton, as seen as possible.

begun soon.

Dead:

John R. Thomas, Muskogee, formerly
United States District judge.

H. H. Drover, superintendent Bertilion department.

Pairick Ontes, assistant warden.

E. C. Godfrey, guard.

China Reed, under sentence for two years for larceny.

Tom Lame, Paul's Valley, under fiveyears sentence for forgery.

Charles Koontz, Comanche County, serving forty-year sentence for manslangther.

Vidow, she remarries or her depend-ney depends and had violated a company rule and h to strike if Slade and Lynch were not to bear the address in advance, they have been privileged.

System Soon Paralyzed.

Early to-day the first body of men walked out. From then on until noon, walked out. From then on until noon, the President's words will meet with the President words will meet with the President words words will meet with the President words will meet with th engineers, conductors, trainmen, tele-graph operators and towermen grad-large.

tration, but union officials were firm the galleries has been the greatest in their demands. Within an hour the highest demands. Within an hour the highest demands was impossible. So he drew up an agreement granting the demands, obtained Mr. only a single ticket, though they are the greatest meeting, which was held at 3 o'clock yesierday afternoon, revealed a fixed purpose to secure the return of the granting the demands, obtained Mr. only a single ticket, though they are

First Real Opposition.

Washington, January 19.—The bill proposing the building of a government rallway in Alaska encountered its first vigorous opposition in the Senate today, when Senator McCumber attacked it as the first step toward "the realm of paternalistic and socialistic government." Until the North Dakota Senator spoke, Senator Williams was the only member who had directly stated his purpose of opposing the measure, on which there is an agreement for a final vote on Thursday.

Amendments adopted to-day by the Committee on Territories would provide for the taking over by the government of any existing lines necessary by purchase or condemnation. An amendment providing for a government steamship line from the coast terminal of the road to ports on the Pacific Coast was rejected.

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much as a private concern to operate any enterprise.

Arguments presented for agricultural development in Alaska, he declared, were without merit, the fact being that the great majority of the products named in statistics came from districts accessible by sea or which it were not proposed to tap with the projected railroad.

railroad.

During the discussion of Alaska's coal resources, Senator Clark, of Wyoming, declared that while chemical tests had shown Bering district coal to be better than the West Virginia product, actual naval tests aboardship proved that the "Bering field absolutely falls down" in supplying coal the navy could use. Senator James replied that he had a senttor James replied that he had a letter from a former member of Congress, saying that the coal used in the naval tests aboard the cruiser Maryland did not furnish a fair sample of the product of the field.

House Passes Agricultural Bill.
Washington, January 19.—Under suspension of the rules, the House to-day passed the Smith-Lever agricultural extension bill, which now goes to the Senate. It would appropriate \$488,000 the first year for government aid to State agricultural schools—\$10,000 to each State—and the amount would increase yearly until after ten years \$3,000,000 a year would be appropriated.

Would Neutralize Philippines Would Neutralize Philippines.
Washington, January 19.—A joint resolution introduced to-day by Senator Overman would require the Presi-(Continued On Ninth Page.)

Vote

Who is the most popular railroad conductor running into or out of Richmond?

The conductor receiving the greatest number of votes will be awarded a solid silver railroad lantern.

The voting coupon will be found on page 2.

HIS NOMINATION RATIFIED



JOHN SKELTON WILLIAMS.

APPROVES ACT TO BRING BACK WILL

ton's Bill Authorizing Suit

Against Morgan. Freight Tariff.

MEASURE SURE OF PASSAGE NORMAN

yesierday afternoon, revealed a fixed purpose to secure the return of the historic decument filehed from the Eagrage County reconstitution reads as follows:

"The bill as reported by the committee carrying a rate of 10 cents on the \$100 presents the same difficulties in collection as those the same difficulties." Fairfax County records during the War Between the States. The committee inserted a section setting forth the importance of bringing it back to Virginia at the earliest possible.

Goes at Head of Calendar. The bill takes its place at the head

the Senate calendar, and will come up on its first reading to-day. It is assured of passage in the upper house, and will probably get a unanimous measure will go for concurrence before the end of this week.

Virginia's fight to secure the return f Martha Washington's will has attracted the notice of the whole country, and the proceedings promise to be in-teresting. Senator Thornton and the district he represents are particularly concerned since it was from the Fair

desirable that a paper as important historically as the Martha Washington will should be assured of a safe resting place. He was informed by Senator Thornton that the Fairfax County S. Rosendorf.

The reports of the officers showed a lit in its freproof vault.

Sac Raufman was re-elected treasured to dama, were voluntarily reported for taxation last year, so that on that basis, and assuming that \$200,-000,000 represents all the taxable money in the State, this subject of taxation is yielding about one-twenty-cight of what is now due from it by law. it in its dreproof vault.

County Courthouse on June 21, 1802 and remained a part of the archives of the county until it was stolen during the war. In spite of the efforts of his torians and patriotic societies to locate the document, its whereabouts re-mained a matter of conjecture for half

ernor is directed to cause formal demand to be made on Mr. Morgan for the return of the will to the State of Virpaying, west on Broad Street, and for ginia. In the event that the demand is not complied with in a reasonable General is authorized and directed to institute suit for its recovery in the Supreme Court of the United States.

JOSYLN MUST TESTIFY

If He Doesn't Come Voluntarily He Will Be Subporaned.

Washington, January 19.—Chairman Overman, of the Senate lobby committee, declared to-day that if George Joslyn, president of the Western Newspaper Union, did not come to Washington voluntarily be would be subpoenaed to testify on the charge that his concern had been paid by the Camadian government to furnish to American newspapers "patent insides" containing favorable representations of agriculture in Canada.

SHOOTS HIS WIFE

MERCHANTS FAVOR ADVANCE IN RATES

Senate Committee Reports Thorn- Indorse Petition of Railroads for 5 Per Cent Increase in

AGAIN PRESIDENT Oliver.
Absent, Mr. Baker.

message at 12:39 o'clock. A justice voted unanimously yesterday to report Senator Thornton's bill authorizing the institution of proceedings in the name of the Commonwealth to enforce the return to this State of the will of Martha Washington. The decument is now in the possession of the will of Martha Washington. The decument is now in the possession of the tickets of admission to discussion of the measure at the sown for such an occasion. The secretary afternoon revealed a fixed on this question. I regard this rate as very low, and it is 10 cents therefore the return to this State of the means of the will of Martha Washington. The decument is now in the possession of J. Pierpoint Morgan, of New York.

A discussion of the measure at the meeting last night in the rate as very low, and it is 10 cents senting votes, adopted a resolution asking the Interstate Commerce Commission to allow the 5 per cent increase in freight rates now being urged by the paper led to some discussion, but when put to the voted unanimously yesterday its annual meeting last night in the rate as very low, and it is 10 cents lower than the amount originally proposed by the bankers themselves. The decument is now in the possession of the will of Martha Washington. The decument is now in the possession of the will of Martha Washington. The decument is now in the possession of the will of Martha Washington. The decument is now in the possession of the will of Martha Washington. The decument is now in the possession of the means of the United States.

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Opponents of the motion contended that the association was not qualified it is to express an opinion on a question of house, by Savuel Cohen, were tirm in the piles. by Samuel Cohen, were firm in the plea \$1,000, or one-seventh of the present and will probably get a unanimous of sanction, on the ground that the average rate seems to raise a ques-exists in the House of Delegates, where largely upon the prosperity railroads, whose rates have been con- stitute bill are willing to bear. The sistently lowered during years when rate of \$1 on \$1,000 as proposed in

Norman Re-Elected President. By unanimous vote, the association re-elected Charles T. Norman presi-dent. H. Carl Boschen was unani-County Courthouse that the will mously elected first vice-president, and Lewitt second vice-president. Senator Saunders thought that it was Isaac Kaufman was re-elected trea-

The reports of the officers showed a healthy growth and activity. On the Recorded in 1802.

The will was recorded in the Fairfax County Courthouse on June 21, 1802 that of the county until it was stolen during the war. In spite of the efforts of historians and patriotic societies to locate to regard to the regard to the freight rate reduction now being sought by North Carolina. M. Kaufman statement that the Virginia cities in and visible personal property is assessed in the State on an average of one-third of its fair or market value, and considering that all of this class. M. Kaufman's statement that the Virginia cities in the state of the considering that all of this class of property is reached and assessed at that average assessment at a tax rate of the county until it was stolen during the considering that all of this class. ginia cities are not opposing a just averaging for all purposes \$1.60 per demand on the part of North Carolina, \$100, it is clear that the rate proposed but are asking only a proportionate re-

> Demand Smooth Paving. paving, west on Broad Street, and for ornamental electric lights on Main Street and Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Streets. A resolution, asking the Administrative Board to authorize asphalt paving from Third to Jefferson Streets, was adopted unanimously. A second section of the same resolution carried the demand for ornamental lights on Main Street, between Fifth and Sev-enteenth, and on Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Streets, between Broad and Main

Streets.

A movement looking toward the formation of a permanent join com-mittee of the various civic and com-mercial bodies to handle all questions touching municipal reform, and Richmond's prosperity was started by mond's prosperity was started by adoption of a resolution offered by General Charles J. Anderson. This standing committee, which is to care adoption of a resolution offered by General Charles J. Anderson. This standing committee, which is to care for such problems as the regional bank and the Carolina rate question, will be made up of representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, the Retail Merchants' Association, the Business Men's Club, the Travelers' Protective Association. General Assembly last night, it is evident that there is sharp division. Chairman Weaver was doubtful whether, a four-fifths' vote could be mustered to make the bill an emergency measure, and the friends of the substitute were confident that they could be mustered to make the bill an emergency measure, and the friends of the substitute were confident that there is sharp division.

COMMITTEE VOTES **10-CENT TAX RATE** ON BANK DEPOSITS

Weaver Bill Segregates This Property for Use of State Alone.

STUART STANDS FOR HIGHER RATE

Governor-Elect Supports Jordan Substitute Making It 25 Cents, While Governor Mann Stands

for Less Amount-Both Appear and Take Opposite Views.

Finance Committee last night rejected the Jordan substitute bill for tax on money in bank, supported by Governor-Elect Henry C. Stuart, and recom-mended the Weaver bill, segregating this subject of taxation to the State alone, and fixing the State rate at 10 cents on \$100, as recommended by Governor Mann. The contest over this form of taxation has become the subject of a bitter controversy before the General Assembly, and the fight will be renewed on the floor of the House. For several hours yesterday bankers from all sections of the State presented to the committee the urgency of the situation, claiming that unless emergency steps were taken, millions of dollars would be withdrawn from Virginia banks before February 1—the annual taxing day.

Reached After Long Debnte.
While the banks have prepared themselves to meet the strain, they have done so by calling in loans, and, to a large extent, putting a check on business. The decision to report the Weaver bill at 10 cents, instead of 2 cents, as introduced, was reached after a three-hour executive session, in which every member took part in the debate. The vote was not announced, but was said to have been as follows: For the Jordan substitute, favored by Mr. Stuart: Messrs. Jordan, Spessard, Stearnes, Pitts, Terrell and Gregory. For the Weaver bill as amended: Messrs. Weaver, Brewer, Houston, Montague, Spatig, Owen, Grasty and Oliver.

Mr. Stunt's Statement.
Governor-Elect Stuart issued the fol-

lowing statement after in the committee last night: the vote State of Virginia.

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in Broad Street.

"The substitute bill as proposed by members of the finance committee carrying a tax rate of 25 cents on the \$100 of bank deposits, represents my attitude on this question. I regard this

Between the States. The committee inserted a section setting forth the importance of bringing it back to Virginia at the earliest possible moment, and declaring the act an emergency measure, effective from its passage.

Association of Richmond, in meeting in Virginia only about \$14,000,000 was reported for taxation last year, and it is estimated that one-half of this amount belonged to widows and orphans whose estates were in the measure, effective from its passage.

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bill reported is only one-sixteenth of
Norman Re-Elected President.

"On this basis it would seem that less than one-twenty-eighth of the taxable value in the form of bank deposits, to say nothing of moneys held outside of banks, were voluntarily re-

mained a matter of conjecture for half a century. Correspondence with J. but are asking only a proportionate reduction in the rates from Virgin!a to the North Carolina cities, met with the approval of the association. at this low assessment. Under the rate as reported by the committee, in cents on the \$100, the burden would be about one-fifth of that of the proportional burden now resting on real es-tate and visible personal property. My understanding has been that the bulk of the complaint against the present system has been against the practice of underassessment of real estate and visible property. If the bill as reported is enacted into law, and is taken as rep-resenting the view of tax reformers, the conclusion is irresistible that exemption rather than equalization what is really desired."

Mann and Stuart Appear. The all-day hearing was unique in that a Governor and a Governor-elect broke all precedents in appearing before a legislative committee. From the views expressed by members of the General Assembly last night, it is evi-Wealthy Farmer Then Turns Rifle on Hinself.

Eric, Pa. January 18.—As Mrs. Jay Cole, of Eric County, was leaving her home to-day with her son to visit his home, her husband shot her with a rifle, wounding ker, probably fatally. He then kilfed himself with the same weapon. The Coles had been married less than a year. Core was a wealthy farmer.

Chants' Association, the Business Men's Club, the Travelers' Protective Association, the United Commercial Travelers and the Rotary Club. The directors of the association are authorized to make overtures along this line to the other organizations at once.

Samuel Cohen, president of the State Retail Merchants' Association, con-less than a year. Core was a wealthy farmer.